

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 837
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A RESOLUTION to name the State Route 22 overpass in
McKenzie in honor of the late William T. (Bill)
Burke.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities and this State; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late William T. (Bill) Burke, one of McKenzie's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Burke, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and human being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens of McKenzie and all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burke enjoyed a distinguished career in state government, which included 49 years of meritorious service as an employee of the Department of Transportation ; and

WHEREAS, the very epitome of the dedicated state employee, Mr. Burke utilized his time and talents to improve the transportation systems and overall quality of life in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of McKenzie have petitioned this body to name a certain overpass in honor of Mr. William T. (Bill) Burke to permanently commemorate

his bountiful life of purpose, his stalwart commitment to the betterment of his community, and his many years of dedicated service with the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the State Route 22 overpass within the corporate limits of the City of McKenzie is hereby designated as the "William T. (Bill) Burke Overpass" in memory of an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such overpass as the "William T. (Bill) Burke Overpass".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the Federal Highway Administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the City of McKenzie, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), the City of McKenzie shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the City of McKenzie within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the

estimated cost, the City of McKenzie shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Mayor and Council of the City of McKenzie.